

#### **D-4 Design of Parking Lots Near Sidewalks**

Parking lots near sidewalks should provide adequate security and lighting, avoid encroachment of vehicles onto the sidewalk, and minimize the visual clutter of parking signs and equipment.

##### *Examples*

The following examples illustrate some considerations to address in highly visible parking lots in commercial areas.

##### *Screening of parking*

- Screening of parking areas need not be uniform along the property frontage. Variety in the type and relative amount of screening may be appropriate.
- Screen walls constructed of durable, attractive materials need not extend above waist level. Screen walls adjacent to residential zones could also include landscaping or a trellis or grillwork with climbing vines.
- Screening can be designed to allow clear visibility into parking areas to promote personal safety.
- Screening that incorporates pedestrian amenities such as seating is preferred.

##### *Parking area containment*

- Provide a “wheel stop” at the perimeter of parking areas between parking lot pavement and adjacent landscaping or other pavement to alleviate unsightly edge conditions.
- Tire bumpers, a low wall, or an extended curb prevent parked cars from encroaching on landscaped or pedestrian areas. Extended curbs are preferable because they are more durable and do not catch debris.